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Weir bows out, backs Meili

NDP leadership race. Candidate's withdrawal means it's now a three-way competition between Meili, Broten and Wotherspoon

JEFF MACKEY
Metro in Regina

The field in the Saskatchewan NDP leadership got a little bit smaller Wednesday.

Erin Weir, a Regina-based economist, withdrew from the competition and threw his support behind Saskatoon doctor Ryan Meili.

"I believe he is the candidate in the best position to ensure progressive leadership of our party," said Weir at a press conference at the Tommy Douglas House in Regina.

Members of the Saskatchewan NDP will be choosing their new leader on March 9.

"This is certainly an important juncture in the race," said Weir, referencing the conclusion of the candidate debates and the approaching mail-in ballot deadline.

"Some of the issues that establish the common ground between Ryan and I came to the fore in the last few debates and they were really important in informing this decision."

The two candidates released a statement of shared principles. The document points to policies regarding resource revenues, climate change, workers' rights, early-childhood development and retirement security in common.

The three candidates that still remain in the race are Meili, Trent Wotherspoon and Cam Broten.

"This is a head start on building the unity that we are going to need to build as we come out of this race," said Meili. "All the candidates are going to be involved as part of the team after this race and I'm excited to get to test-run that a bit with Erin as we work to integrate our teams."

Slean goes her own way

The singer-songwriter's latest album breaks from the conventional with a 21-piece string section PAGE 9

Keeping God out of the city

Ashu Solo is again making waves when it comes to the thorny issue of prayer at municipal events PAGE 3

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The adoptive mother of a teen who died in an Ontario jail cell tells an inquest how it once was PAGE 6

Nedohin falls in Scotties showdown

The defending champion is bested by Jennifer Jones and Team Manitoba PAGE 13

Erin Weir, left, looks on as Ryan Meili speaks during a press conference at the Tommy Douglas House in Regina on Wednesday. Weir has withdrawn from the provincial NDP leadership race and thrown his support behind Meili.
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Complaint over prayer at municipal events resurfaces

Heating up.
Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission investigating

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The debate about prayer at municipal functions is heating up once again.

Ashu Solo, who has become known for taking issue with the city's religious messages, says the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (SHRC) is currently investigating a complaint he made last year about a prayer said at a volunteer-appreciation dinner.

Solo says he was offended when Mayor Don Atchison called on Coun. Randy Donauer to say a prayer at the dinner held on April 18, 2012, saying he feels it's a violation of his freedom of conscience.

A letter to Solo from Norma Gunningham-Kapphahn, director of resolution with the SHRC and distributed to media by Solo, says the SHRC has determined there is "sufficient evidence to suggest that the (Saskatchewan Human Rights Code) may have been violated."

Solo said that if the complaint is found to be a violation of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code by the commission, he hopes it will start a nationwide debate about prayer at municipal events.

"Those judgments, they don't have binding value in other provinces, but courts in other provinces and human-rights commissions in other provinces tend to look at what other provinces have done," said Solo.

David Arnot, chief commissioner with the SHRC, said they can neither confirm nor deny that the complaint is in existence, but said all complaints received are taken seriously and follow the same process.

"It would be wholly inappropriate for me to make any comment about whether a complaint exists, firstly, and, secondly, about the substance of any matter at any stage of the process," said Arnot.

Richard Brown, chief communications officer with the mayor's office, said the city has received no correspondence from the SHRC and until they do, they won't be commenting on the matter.

The logo for the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission in its Saskatoon office. Ashu Solo, the man who filed a complaint about a prayer at a municipal-volunteer-appreciation dinner, said the SHRC is formally investigating.
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Slow down on law changes: Labour leaders

Hugh Wagner, a member on the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Advisory Committee, addresses the media Wednesday. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

The Saskatchewan government is being urged by members of its own advisory committee to more carefully consider proposed new labour laws.

Nine union leaders who were on the committee are asking the province to slow down passage of the proposed Saskatchewan Employment Act, which melds 12 workplace-related pieces of legislation into one omnibus bill.

The leaders say the act would "re-set" employment in ways the committee would not have predicted.

"When we do finally have a law, we want a law that works for everybody," said committee member Hugh Wagner, who is also general secretary of the Grain and General Services Union.

"And it doesn't serve business, it doesn't serve unions, it doesn't serve working people, it doesn't serve government if we then spend the next five years in litigation trying to sort out what the law means."

Wagner said the bill "goes far beyond and to more places" than the committee considered.

The committee needs more time to do a page-by-page review of the act, Wagner said. He also said there should be public consultations. He did not say how long that could take.

"The time you need is the time to get it right and if that is months, so be it. If it's another 12 months or a year, so be it," he said. "I don't think we can put a stopwatch in motion on this and say we've got to be done by such and such a date. There is no crisis with regard to labour legislation in the province." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cross-country concepts

Innovation in Canada can be traced back more than 150 years, and many Canadian inventions are still in use today. You may be surprised at some of the innovations that put Canada on the map.

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Java
Java applets sound familiar? Calgary-born and educated James Gosling, along with partners Mike Sheridan and Patrick Naughton, brought us the now widely used computer language. Java, which first rolled out to the public in 1995, is a computer language that can run on various platforms without having to be reconfigured.

Insite
North America's only legal supervised-injection site is considered by many to be a great social innovation. The controversial program, operated by B.C.'s Health Ministry and located in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, provides a health-focused site for injection drug-use (heroin, cocaine, morphine). The clinic doesn't provide drugs but helps administer addiction treatment, mental-health outreach and first aid to an area of the city with rampant drug use.

Atlantic Canada

Confederation Bridge
This 12.9-kilometre span linking P.E.I. and New Brunswick is a significant civil-engineering innovation in Canadian history, allowing bridge building to be done over large bodies of water that freeze. The innovative design by Canadian company Straight Crossing Development Inc. protects the structure from the pressure of shifting ice packs.

Kerosene
More than 170 years ago, Abraham Gesner of Nova Scotia perfected the process for making kerosene, which fuelled lanterns, some heating units and some of today's camping stoves. Unfortunately, because of conflict with a New Brunswick coal conglomerate, Gesner couldn't get financial backing for the product until he moved his business to Long Island, N.Y.

Prairies

Garbage bag
One man's trash is another man's treasure. In 1950, Winnipeg engineer and industrial designer Harry Wasyluk and his partner Larry Hansen developed the first commercial disposable green garbage bag. The first bags were sold to the Winnipeg General Hospital. The invention was later purchased by Union Carbide, which brought us Glad garbage bags by the 1960s.

Air ambulance
Peace of mind in emergency situations was given a big boost in the mid-1940s with the start of the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance Service (SAAS). It was the first non-military, government-operated air-ambulance service in the world to take flight. It allowed emergency crews access to remote areas to provide service where ground ambulance was unavailable. Air transport is now regularly used around the world as part of emergency services.

Central Canada

Instant replay
Saturday-night hockey is quintessentially Canadian, and so too is the instant replay we see on all the great goals. Hockey Night in Canada producer George Retzlaff first pioneered slow-mo replay during a 1955 broadcast. The replay came several minutes after the initial play.

Pablum
A staple in any home with toddlers, pablum, the cereal paste with all sorts of nutritional value, was developed at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children in 1930. The soft cereal, and others like it, is still widely used all over the world.

Canada Innovates

Part 2

Notice anything different? Part 2 of Metro's look at innovation in Canada is laid out with a vertical design. Not only does it enable a clean, sharp look at some of Canada's best ideas and the people who brought them to us, but it also serves a practical purpose.

The vertical layout is an idea born in the tight confines of mass transit, where you often bump elbows with your neighbour on the train or bus. Reading a paper this way can take up less space, giving those around you more.

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Tomorrow, we punch in a few key words in our design as we look at past failures and innovative ideas for solving them.

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Patience, collaboration and perseverance: Four grassroots innovators have come up with new solutions to old problems.

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4 Faces of Canadian innovation

Heather Young — Young Associates

ALLOWED UNORGANIZED GROUPS TO FOCUS MORE ON ART

At first, Heather Young didn't know much more about arts administration than the students she taught at Humber College in Toronto 20 years ago. But what she quickly learned while trying to teach sound fundamentals of arts management was that hard information on the topic was difficult to muster — let alone make available to budding artists and art groups. As good innovators often do, she saw a need and filled it. Young crafted her own materials, including Finance for the Arts in Canada, a textbook and reference guide to aid in running an arts organization. Her company, Young Associates — with a staff of 12 — now serves as a financial-management resource for 90 Toronto companies. She's soaked in years of knowledge working with arts groups in the city — something she believes is essential for innovation.

"Get to know your subject area as intimately as you possibly can," she said. "You need to know the upsides and downsides of what you're working on ... and in particular the gaps in the available supports."

Arts

Dr. Michael Montgomery — Kinetica

HELPED BUILDINGS STAND UP TO EXTREME WEATHER

Engineering

In his words, it's a simple application for a long-standing problem. Working on his PhD at the University of Toronto, Dr. Michael Montgomery was looking for ways to safely limit the vibration of buildings in earthquake and high-wind situations. Montgomery sought to replace stiff, mediocre-performing reinforced concrete with high damping rubber in between steel plates throughout the structure of the building, effectively absorbing energy triggered by high winds or earthquakes. The technology has been used elsewhere, but never caught on in North America. Montgomery refined the configuration of an older system, which was initially retrofitted to an extent at the World Trade Centre back in the '70s, to come up with a new solution for modern buildings.

"One of the key things for this (innovation) was to be practical," said Montgomery, who is now CEO of the Toronto-based company Kinetica. "If you understand an industry very well and you know what's currently lacking, it's a lot easier to develop something practical and meaningful."

Christine Causing — Edmonton Next Gen

HELPED GENERATE CREATIVE IDEAS THROUGH CONNECTING CREATIVE MINDS

There are ideas aplenty. But bringing like minds together helps incubate those ideas and connect people with partners who can really make things happen.

That's the idea behind successful Pecha Kucha events, like those held in Edmonton under the leadership of Christine Causing, co-ordinator for Edmonton Next Gen.

Next Gen's mandate is to create "a hub for connecting people, places, community and ideas together," something Causing believes is essential for an idea to move forward.

"It's all about exposure for ideas," said Causing, who has helped steer 14 successful Pecha Kuchas since 2007, with a 15th slated for the first week of March. "It starts a whole conversation about an issue or an idea or even something city council should be doing."

Sometimes it's the planting of a seed, said Causing. Sometimes it's a conversation or awareness about something happening in the community. Creating a space where ideas and individuals collide stimulates further innovation. "It brings people together to share ideas," she said. "You can meet people who are directly involved in making things happen in the city." For more information, visit edmontonnextgen.ca.

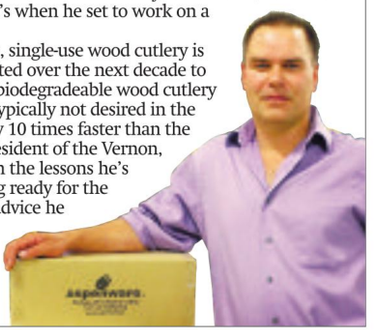
Collaboration

Terry Bigsby — Aspenware

MADE CANADIAN MEALS MORE GREEN BY INTRODUCING ECO-FRIENDLY CUTLERY

For woodshop instructor-turned entrepreneur Terry Bigsby, innovation was a long-term labour of love. In 1997, Bigsby saw the merit in a German wood cutlery product for its eco-friendly qualities but got a rude awakening when he travelled to the Fatherland only to hear the $50-million price tag to import the technology to Canada. That's when he set to work on a made-in-Canada solution.

Multi-award-winning Aspenware's compostable, single-use wood cutlery is textbook innovation. Bigsby's team of 15 collaborated over the next decade to develop a worldwide patented process to produce biodegradeable wood cutlery faster, more efficiently and using source material typically not desired in the production of wood tools. He now produces cutlery 10 times faster than the German system he sought 15 years ago. Bigsby, president of the Vernon, B.C.-based company, said he could talk for hours on the lessons he's learned being a passionate innovator — from being ready for the "curve ball" to not being greedy. The one piece of advice he believes is most valuable for innovators is to see things through."It's the stick-to-itiveness," he said. "If you have an idea that has value and merit — stick to it." Visit aspenware.ca.



Manufacturing

A ‘smiling and happy’ child, but she died in a prison cell

Ashley Smith’s early years. ‘You never saw that girl without a smile on her face,’ her adoptive mother tells inquest

A teenager who strangled herself in her prison cell was a happy, independent child who became obsessed with knowing details of her parentage, her adoptive mother said Wednesday.

Testifying at the inquest into her daughter’s death, Coralee Smith said Ashley showed few signs of problems growing up. “You never saw that girl without a smile on her face,” Smith testified. “Most of her life, she was smiling and happy.”

Coroner’s counsel Marg Creal asked what Ashley liked as a child.

“Oh my goodness, what did Ashley like? Quiet time and doing her own thing. She loved her doll,” Smith answered, her hands twisting a piece of paper. “Ashley was very independent.”

Beyond some report-card comments that Ashley talked too much or could be disruptive in class, there were no issues at school until about Grade 8, Smith testified. “I had no calls, no reports before that,” she said.

In Grade 9, however, Ashley was expelled for disruptive behaviour, effectively ending her formal education and setting off a family quest to find help for her.

At one point, Ashley saw a psychiatrist who decided Ashley was “just a normal teenager,” Smith said. “I’m too fat and I have acne,” was Ashley’s take on the session, her mom said. “Coming out of that, I’m feeling rest assured that things aren’t so bad.”

But the acting out would increase, and Ashley found herself in trouble with the law.

She would go to a residential facility for an assessment that was supposed to last 34 days but it ended after just 21 days because of her disruptive behaviour. “She graduated early,” Smith said ruefully.

A psychiatric report from the stay concluded: “She has a huge personality issue in emotional borderline tendencies,”

Ashley was sent home with a prescription for the drug Zoloft. Smith said she didn’t like giving her daughter drugs, and said she never saw the worst of her daughter’s behaviour. “At home, Ashley was a mom’s girl.”

Ashley Smith was 19 when she strangled herself in her cell at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont., as guards, ordered not to intervene, watched.

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Quoted

“I’m too fat and I have acne.”

Ashley Smith, talking after a session with a psychiatrist, according to Coralee Smith, her adoptive mother.

Coralee Smith, the adoptive mother of Ashley Smith, walks with lawyer Julian Falconer into the Toronto coroner’s court on Wednesday. The inquest heard that Ashley wanted to know about her adoptive father, but Smith said she didn’t have much information to give her. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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One in 4 Canadians is a tablet owner

The iPad is still king; those addicted to their tablets read more news and stream more video; and the popular gadgets are mostly used at home, even though they’re often called “mobile” devices, says a new report that details how Canadians are adopting and using tablets.

According to the report by the Media Technology Monitor, a research product of the CBC, an estimated 26 per cent of the population had a tablet as of last fall. Tablet ownership had more than doubled in a year and was up from just five per cent in the spring of 2011.

Of the tablet owners, almost two-thirds had an iPad, while about 15 per cent each had purchased either a BlackBerry PlayBook or a Google Android device. Owners of iPads were found to be the most enthusiastic about their purchase. About 61 per cent of iPad owners said they would definitely recommend their tablet, compared to 44 per cent of other tablet owners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Homebody habits

82%

Tablets may be classified as mobile devices, but people largely use them at home. The survey found 82 per cent used tablets most around the house, compared to just eight per cent at work, two per cent at school or while travelling, and one per cent either in a coffee shop or restaurant, in the car, or on public transit.

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A 'BOONE' FOR BACHELOR DECOR

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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A friend recently visited my apartment for the first time. She made note of my bare, white walls, my mattress lying directly on the floor, my rooms devoid of paintings, plants or pillows and asked: "Oh, when did you move in?"

I paused: "Three years ago."

Her stare was as blank as the walls.

At first I was embarrassed. I thought to myself, "Self, you need to decorate your bathroom with more than a toothbrush. You need more than five spices to spice up your kitchen. In the living room, you need fewer pizza boxes and more pizzazz."

But I changed my mind when I looked online. Most decorating sites showed bachelor apartments that were attractive, yes, but were also huge, immaculately decorated and overlooking some cityscape or other. These were the kinds of places where you need to use a remote control just to reveal where the TV is hidden. Even inexplicably rich characters on New York-based sitcoms couldn't afford these places. These are, at minimum, lairs for Bond villains.

My embarrassment faded. My current apartment was just fine, thank you.

I still see the value of a nice apartment, mind you, but I think a few easy changes can make all the difference, as you'll see.

John's Tips for Bachelors for Decorating for Cheap for Dummies

How to add a touch of class

Empty wine bottles can look handsome in any living space ... a collection of Boone's Farm shows an under-the-shirt, over-the-bra touch of class that will impress guests who didn't even know you could make wine from mountain berries.

1) Empty wine bottles can look handsome in any living space. For instance, a collection of Boone's Farm shows an under-the-shirt, over-the-bra touch of class that will impress guests who didn't even know you could make wine from mountain berries.

2) Don't like the colour of your bathroom tile? Wait.

3) Savvy decorators use floating shelves to show off mementos, such as commemorative quarters or favourite Bazooka Joe comics. IMPORTANT: Please note that floating shelves do not float, despite the name. Some of us learned the hard way.

4) If you find an infestation of insects, remember that they add personality and much-needed hijinks, unless Disney and Pixar have been lying to us all these years, which seems unlikely.

5) A mirror will make your place look bigger to simpletons. Have guests over and leave them thinking you're twice as popular as you are, but don't let them wander off to the "party" in the "second living room."

6) Mirror not fooling you? Make your space seem bigger by getting wee furniture and whistling The Friendly Giant theme all day.

As you can see, making your bachelor pad a happy place is mostly about attitude.

The austere walls of my apartment are minimalist art, I've decided, an unadorned white canvas upon which you can project your great hopes (world peace) or your worst fears (ghost in a snowstorm).

Or perhaps it's a cultural critique of materialism — why do mattresses need elevation, really, except as a sign of our Western insecurities?

Or maybe it's cutting-edge fashion, with the cool, clean lines bringing to mind the futuristic esthetics of a Constitution-class starship. (Nothing says 'I'm a bachelor' like passing references to Star Trek technology.)

The real trick is seeing things in the right light. So if you still hate your place, wait till night, turn off all the lights, and pretend you live some place better.

And if you're still not happy, there's always Boone's.

Birds of the weather

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For all the snow in China

Guard's break shapes up nicely

This man took his eye off the bank he was minding to do something a little more creative. Security guard Du Jinqian made the most of recent wintry weather in Hangzhou, eastern China, and crafted some dainty birds out of snow. During a work break, he built over a dozen snow chickens and one snow goose on the steps of the bank.

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Tallying winter's toll

60 cm

Heavy snow has fallen across eastern China, causing disruptions to airports and roads. Some 60 cm of snowfall led to the closure of Nanjing Lukou International Airport for more than 12 hours.

90

Ninety houses collapsed and 114 others were damaged due to heavy snow.

$13.38M

The resulting economic losses totalled $13.38 million, China Radio International reported.

Assembly required

At work: Fruit peels and a cocktail stick

To create his avian masterpieces, Jinqian used snow and ice collected from nearby parked cars. The guard added discarded bits of fruit and other food items to form the sculptures' eyes and beaks. Jinqian used what looked like a long wooden cocktail stick to provide the finishing touches to his handiwork. Passersby stopped to take photographs of the guard.

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The Hangzhou of it

- **Wealth.** Capital of Zhejiang Province. With its fertile farmland, Zhejiang is China's wealthiest province.
- **Famous visitors.** Marco Polo described Hangzhou as "the greatest city which may be found in this world."
- **'Protestant' work ethic.** Reports claim Hangzhou's famed entrepreneurial spirit is due to the high number of Christians living there.

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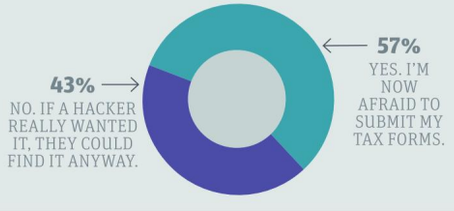

Twitter

@SaskGatz: Thinking of a new career. Offering myself to forestry Farm as missing link. #FreeFoodAndLodging #DanceMonkeyManDance

@StaciaSook: Just dropped off a crazy amount of clothes at the clothing depot. Have you purged and donated lately? #yxe #saskatoon

@TheOtherHilary: So many negative things on the Tweeter today.

@komakozee: There's a reception job available at the Country Club in Saskatoon... Sounds like a great opportunity to meet hot rich guys I should apply.

@danielethier: Ugh did not miss the hosers of this city one bit. Step up your game #yxe

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Sarah Slean has sold out the Artesian on 13th for her Feb 22 show. She is touring in support of her latest album Land and Sea. CONTRIBUTED/ PHEROMONE RECORDINGS

Slean hits up Saskatchewan

Land and Sea. New double-disc album hits opposite poles, in both sound and lyrics

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Singer-songwriter Sarah Slean is determined to compose her own path.

"This is a really fast paced world, a sound bite, 10 second kind of world, but my conviction is that there is an appetitive for intelligent exploration in that world," said Slean.

"You ask yourself, 'What can I do to this, how can I make it new, interesting?'"

Slean is now a veteran of the Canadian music scene and she will be taking her unique live show to a sold-out Regina crowd at the Artesian on Feb. 22.

Slean's newest project, Land and Sea, is a two-disc album with two very distinctive halves.

Land, the first disc, is a poppy rock album produced by Canadian rock guru Joel Plaskett.

The second disc, Sea, on the other hand, employs a 21-piece string section and is much more epic in scope and sound than its counterpart.

"When I started writing for this record I didn't know what it was going to be," said Slean. "As I was doing that I noticed that the stories were gathering around two very distinct, separate poles — not just sonically but really lyrically."

The result of the process was two decidedly different but unmistakably Slean albums.

According to Slean, the concept behind Land concerns the "here and now, time and space." It features catchy tunes like Everybody's on TV and Girls Hating Girls, which delve into social critiques and commentary.

Alternatively Slean describes Sea as something "beyond the temporal and the here and now, something mysterious." Producer and composer Jonathan Goldsmith split the arrangement duties with Slean for the intimidating 21-piece string section that is on the album.

Once the record was complete, Slean was faced with a rather difficult problem: How do you tour Canada with a 21-piece string section? In the middle of a Canadian winter no less.

"For touring it we figured out a way to take an expandable, retractable ensemble on tour," said Slean. "You take the essential element (with you) and then, at the venues that will allow it, you hire local classical players to open and enlarge the string section."

Slean's shows this tour have ranged from a full orchestra accompanying her right down to her most basic possible arrangement: herself, a drummer, a backup singer and a string quintet.

Land and Sea also marks a new path for Slean of a different sort, it is her first album on independent record label Pheromone Recordings, based out of Toronto.

But even this doesn't reach the depths to which Slean is looking to break the mold — she made headlines in January when she refused to accept a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in solidarity with the nationwide Idle No More protests.

"It was a personal decision simply to say to them (the protesters) 'I hear you, I see you and I am using whatever public voice I have," said Slean. "It was a real honour to be selected for something like that, but I thought that this was more important."

The Word

MAC and Rihanna team up

THE WORD
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Face it, this is Rihanna's moment. The pop star dazzled in Azzedine Alaia at the Grammys, made headlines with her controversial date, Chris Brown, and launched her first collection with U.K. high street retailer River Island during London Fashion Week. Yesterday — on her 25th birthday, no less — it was announced that she's teaming up with MAC cosmetics on four collections that will hit stores later this year. It's the first time the cosmetics giant will collaborate with one celebrity on multiple lines.

According to an exclusive interview with WWD, the first product up will be RiRi Woo, a lipstick inspired by MAC's best-selling red, Ruby Woo, Rihanna's favourite.

So how does the pop star feel about all the multitasking? "Being creative is something that I love, so I can put that into different outlets. Music happens to be the first thing that I gravitated to and now music opens doors to just so many different opportunities — they all tie in," she says. "My makeup looks, my fashion looks … they help me to express myself as an artist. I think it helps people to understand me or my mood, my story."

Did you hear that? Apply RiRi Woo and apparently you'll understand why she's still with Chris Brown.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Alec Baldwin

Baldwin denies racist spiel against photog

Alec Baldwin is vehemently denying allegations that he peppered a paparazzo with racial epithets during a heated exchange outside his Manhattan apartment, according to E! News. A photographer working for the New York Post claims that Baldwin called him "a crackhead," "a coon" and "a drug dealer" during the altercation. "The claim of racist remarks is one of the most outrageous things I've heard in my life," Baldwin says. "I've certainly had my moments. But this is not one of them. I don't think I've ever uttered a racial epithet to someone in my lifetime."

Twitter

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givng my first interview to high times this week.

@Rosie
We Stanley steamed a carpet - and now the house smells like my Nanas toni home perm - from 1971

@Pink
Mary Poppins is f---ing incredible. Still. Julie Andrews dammit. You just made my lullabies look like a sad sad semi-hoarse karaoke sesh.

Does Britney Spears use a ghost singer?

Britney Spears is no stranger to charges that she lip-syncs during concerts and awards show performances, but now the former X Factor judge is accused of lip-syncing in the recording studio, according to Star magazine. "My daughter sings for Britney Spears," Murray Langston tells the magazine, claiming that his daughter, Myah Marie, sang seven songs for Spears on her Femme Fatale album — and was only paid $1,000 per song. "The truth is, Myah can sound just like her. She has a knack."

Britney Spears. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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A model walks the runway at the Vivienne Westwood Red Label show during London Fashion Week Fall/Winter 2013/14 at the Saatchi Gallery on Sunday. IAN GAVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Welcome to the wild world of Westwood

Vivienne Westwood.
The designer gives Metro a pre-show interview during London Fashion Week

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Well, aren't London's galleries having a moment in London? Playing host are Tate Modern, Tate Britain and now the Saatchi Gallery in swanky Chelsea. The area is about as punk as Prince Charles these days, but it used to be home to Vivienne Westwood and Malcolm McLaren's "Sex" shop in the '70s.

I'm here to speak to Vivienne Westwood. Easier said than done, seeing as the PR reps have obviously taken tips from North Korea when it comes to media access. Ninety minutes pass by and the excitement amongst camera crews and reporters begins to wane (there are no chairs) and then she arrives. Has anyone been this excited to spend just a few minutes with a 71-year-old dame? I doubt it.

What kind of statement are you trying to make with this collection, particularly in relation to Julian Assange?
This collection's not got any strong political statement in itself — it's just here to help people look more attractive and more glamorous. I expect the message for the fashion is "quality is more important than quantity." Buy less, choose well, make it last.

Designer Vivienne Westwood wearing a Julian Assange T-shirt. IAN GAVAN/GETTY IMAGES

The other thing is, I always use my fashion as a platform to talk out against the problems we face, which are so urgent at the moment. The most important thing is public opinion, which makes politicians change — particularly the message about climate change.

Climate change is caused by the rotten financial system we've got and we can all see what it's doing now. It's making everybody poorer, it's making a few people richer and that's what this system is designed to do and it destroys the earth. And we will not get a different set of values and a better economic system unless we tackle our problems through climate change. What is good for the planet is good for the economy. That's my message.

Are you anti-capitalism?
I don't know. This is something we have to work out. I mean, for example, there's far too much manufacturing in the world of total rubbish. If we want money to circulate, you could pay people not to work, which we do anyway, or you could make more money by paying teachers, for example. And yet, we are cutting down on all those things so that we can continue our old way of doing things, which is to manufacture so a few people can cream off the profits, destroy the earth and destroy the livelihoods of everybody else in the world.

Juergen Teller's latest exhibition features nude images of you. Do you find nudity liberating?
Well, thank you for the question. The thing is, I've worked with Juergen quite a bit. I do a lot of things for other people and Juergen asked me and of course I owe him a favour. He's a great photographer and we've had wonderful results from his stuff. And I must say that I'm quite honoured by the photographs — they are alright.

Would you ever do an interview naked?
No, not unless … no, not even for Juergen. There's no point, is there?

To what extent is sex a factor in your work?
Well, my husband would love to have all the models naked just like the photographs of Helmut Newton. He just thinks they're amazing.

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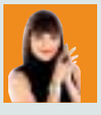

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IN THIS HECTIC MODERN WORLD, TWITTER HAS BECOME A COOL AND SUCCINCT WAY OF COMMUNICATING. IT ALLOWS ME TO BE ACCESSIBLE, INSTANTLY SPEAK MY MIND AND CONNECTS ME WITH ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE.

@Jeanne_Beker: Poor Gus! Had to forego the park today cuz we're both slip slidin' away .....

@Michellehnilica: Dressed in style like his mom!

@kirstenreader: The cutest sad puppy face!

@totalburchmove: met @jeanne_beker today. new life goal: have a fraction of her genuinely wonderful self-possession for a fraction of a moment.

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Halifax

Tosan Ikomi, Student
Age: 23

What she's wearing
Scarf from Ethiopia, Vagabond vintage coat, Guess jeans, Winner purse, Aldo boots.

Her inspiration
"I usually dress according to how I'm feeling, but this outfit was inspired by what a friend was wearing yesterday."

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Entertain indoors or out in style

Entertaining outside hasn't quite arrived in Canada, but checking out what's new in summer entertaining gear is making me pray harder for the warm weather to come as soon as it can. This spring, look for bright citrus or Moroccan colours, a variety of matte and glossy finishes and inventive design styles being offered with acrylic and melamine tabletop. Chic looking enough to use inside or out, but with a price that won't break the bank, there's no excuse for boring summer entertaining. Get into the stores and stock up on some fun outdoor party gear and host a pre-summer patio party indoors — a great way to test some summer cocktails in style.

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Stackable beverage dispenser with ice keeper

Serve a variety of chilled, pre-mixed drinks with an acrylic portable beverage station this spring; a great item for outside, but think of its year-long conveniences next Christmas too. $80, thebay.com.

Clothespin Chopstick

Add some exotic, yet practical flair to your outdoor picnics with CB2's easy-to-use version of the chopstick. Yes, even grandma can now eat sushi. $5, cb2.com.

Rhode Acrylic Goblet

Modern and durable, smoke-coloured drinkware add a sophisticated statement to the outdoor table. $6.50, crateandbarrel.com.

Zak Orange Dinnerware

Bright citrus-coloured melamine dishes add a punch of satin colour to the table. $5 to $7 each, bedbathandbeyond.ca.

Zebag Wine Bottle Carry Case

Carry and display your wine in high style, this Zebag Wine Bottle Carry Case rolls out to display your wine. $70, thebay.com.

Viva Collection Tray

Exotically colourful trays add a punch of style to the table. $25, sears.ca.

Savoury and saucy: Hunter's Chicken with Creamy Polenta

"Perfect for a cold night, this stew offers plenty of protein from the chicken and beans," write the editors of The Affordable Feasts Collection. "Polenta is the ultimate inexpensive side dish."

1. In nonstick skillet, heat 2 tsp of the oil over medium-high heat; brown chicken, about 8 minutes. Transfer to plate.

2. In same skillet, heat remaining oil over medium heat; cook onion, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes.

This recipe serves four. JEFF COULSON

3. Stir in chicken broth, tomatoes, beans, tomato paste, Italian herb seasoning, salt and chicken and any accumulated juices; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until thickened, 15 minutes. Stir in parsley.

4. Polenta: Meanwhile, in saucepan, bring 6 cups water to boil. Whisk in cornmeal, salt and pepper; simmer over medium-low heat, stirring often, until thick and stiff to stir, 10 minutes. Stir in butter. RECIPES ON THIS PAGE EXCERPTED FROM CANADIAN LIVING THE AFFORDABLE FEASTS COLLECTION. COPYRIGHT © TRANSCONTINENTAL BOOKS, 2013. EXCERPTED BY PERMISSION OF TRANSCONTINENTAL BOOKS. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. NO PART OF THIS EXCERPT MAY BE REPRODUCED OR REPRINTED WITHOUT PERMISSION IN WRITING FROM THE PUBLISHER.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut in 1-inch (2.5 cm) chunks
- 1 onion, chopped
- 8 oz (225 g) button mushrooms, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup sodium-reduced chicken broth
- 1 cup bottled strained tomatoes (passata)
- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 tsp Italian herb seasoning
- Pinch salt
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

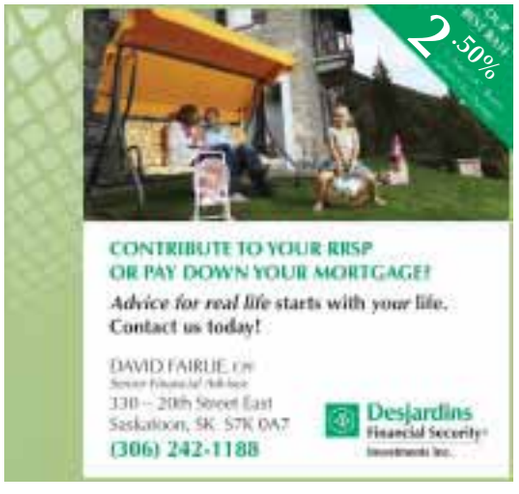
Creamy Polenta

- 1 2/3 cups cornmeal
- 1/4 tsp each salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed

Cookbook of the Week

Eats that are easy on the wallet

When there's no room in your budget for luxuries, you can still eat like royalty, thanks to The Affordable Feasts Collection by The Canadian Living Test Kitchen. Each chapter of the book focuses on a specific type of ingredient that's always reasonably priced: Red Meat, White Meat; Eggs, Beans & Tofu; Pasta, Noodles & Rice and Hearty Vegetables. As a result, among the affordable delicacies are: Steak alla Pizzaiola, Pork Chops with Peppered Apples, Grilled Peanut Tofu Salad, Italian Stovetop Mac & Cheese, Sweet Potato Perogies and more. METRO



NHL

Sabres fire Ruff

Buffalo Sabres coach Lindy Ruff was fired on Wednesday after the team's latest slow start to the season and amid growing criticism from the team's fan base.

The Sabres (6-10-1) have gone 4-10-1 since opening the season winning their first two games.

Lindy Ruff
GETTY IMAGES FILE

With a 571-432-162 record, Ruff was the team's winningest coach. In his 16th season, Ruff was also the active leader among NHL coaches with the same team.

Ron Rolston will finish out the season as the Sabres' interim coach.

Rolston was in his second season as coach of AHL Rochester, the Sabres' minor-league affiliate.

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NHL

Skinner out with concussion

The Carolina Hurricanes say forward Jeff Skinner has a concussion.

The team disclosed Skinner's injury Wednesday and listed him on its injury report as day-to-day.

The NHL's 2011 rookie of the year missed the Hurricanes' loss at Montreal on Monday with what was initially described as an upper-body injury. He was hurt Feb. 14 in a win over Toronto but skated during practice the next day. It's the second straight year Skinner has suffered a concussion. He missed 16 games with one last season.

The 20-year-old Skinner is second on the team both in goals (seven) and points (14). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manitoba skip Jennifer Jones makes a shot during 10th draw against Team Canada at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts on Wednesday in Kingston, Ont. Jones beat defending champion Heather Nedohin 8-5. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jones victorious in battle of unbeatens

Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Manitoba hands Nedohin and Team Canada their first loss, sits atop standings with Ontario's Homan

Manitoba's Jennifer Jones handed Team Canada's Heather Nedohin her first loss at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts on Wednesday, scoring two in the final end for an 8-5 victory over the defending champion in Kingston, Ont.

Jones and Rachel Homan remained tied in first place at 7-0 after the Ontario skip continued her impressive start with an 8-2 rout of Saskatchewan's Jill Shumay.

Jones used her final shot in the 10th end to tap a Nedohin stone off the button to score a pair.

"We needed to make some big shots and we made them," Jones said. "That's always a confidence booster. It's always great to have to make a last shot to win.

"It was a really good team shot. The girls swept it and we made it and it feels great going into tomorrow."

Nedohin's side missed a few shots early on but pulled to within one with a deuce in the ninth end.

"She had to make her last shot," Nedohin said. "That's a pretty good game."

Nedohin is alone in third place at 6-1. The top three rinks were off for the evening draw.

The tournament is past the midway point and teams are starting to think about potential playoff positioning. Jones and Homan are in good shape as it will likely take at least seven wins to be in the mix this weekend.

"It's nice to get that seventh win and it knocks (Saskatchewan) down with another loss so there's a little bit more separation," Homan said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A lot on the line

The playoffs begin Saturday. The tournament winner will represent Canada at the world women's curling championship next month in Riga, Latvia.

Marino 'stepping away' from tennis

Rebecca Marino on Wednesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rebecca Marino has decided she cannot battle opponents and depression at the same time.

The Vancouverite, who rose as high as the No. 38 women's tennis player in the world, announced Wednesday she's "stepping away" from the game due to an ongoing battle with mental illness, which she admits was exacerbated by some "really hurtful" comments she was subjected to on social media.

Marino, 22, told reporters on a conference call that her depression stretches back six years.

"Social media has also taken its toll on me."

Marino, who first took a seven-month break from the game beginning in February 2012, said while she believes "social media is actually a really important part of our society and there can be a lot of good that comes out of it," it proved too "distracting" to her. She talked of receiving tweets that she should "go die," "go burn in hell" and had cost bettors lots of money.

Sylvain Bruneau, head coach of Canada's women's national team and Fed Cup team captain, said in an interview that Tennis Canada is "very disappointed" by Marino's decision but remains supportive of her. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quoted

"The reason I'm stepping back is just because I don't think that I'm willing to sacrifice my happiness and other parts of my life to tennis."

Rebecca Marino

Voracek leads Flyers to another wild win over Pens

Flyers centre Danny Briere falls in front of Penguins counterpart Sidney Crosby on Wednesday night in Pittsburgh. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. Forward's hat trick keys victory for Philadelphia on arch-rival's home ice

Jakub Voracek scored the go-ahead goal with 1:31 remaining in the third period to cap a hat trick and lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a wild 6-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday.

Voracek's third goal came 33 seconds after Pittsburgh's Brandon Sutter tied the game on a wraparound as the Penguins rallied from a pair of two-goal deficits in the third period.

Voracek's first goal of the game came on the power play, giving the Flyers a 3-2 lead with 9.9 seconds left in the second period. His second, the 200th point of his NHL career, put Philadelphia ahead by two goals 18 seconds into the third period.

Wayne Simmonds had two goals and an assist and Nicklas Grossman also scored for the Flyers.

Goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov overcame a shaky start for his eighth victory.

Evgeni Malkin and James Neal scored power-play goals, while Sutter, Tyler Kennedy and Matt Niskanen also scored for the Penguins.

The Flyers capped a season-long six-game road trip with two victories. Philadelphia, which routed the New York Islanders 7-0 on Monday, struggled early on the road trip, dropping three of its first four games before recovering with two wins.

Tomas Vokoun, making his first start since a home loss against New Jersey on Feb. 10, took the loss.

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On Wednesday

Flyers	Penguins
6	5

NBA. Heat keep winning streak alive with hot start to fourth quarter

Miami scored the first 13 points of the fourth quarter to erase Atlanta's 10-point lead and the Heat, led by LeBron James' 24 points, beat the Hawks 103-90 on Wednesday night to extend their season-best winning streak to eight games.

Dwyane Wade scored 20 points and Shane Battier had 17, hitting three three-pointers in the final period. James had 11 assists and six rebounds but could not extend his franchise-record streak of seven straight games with at least 30 points.

Miami outscored Atlanta 40-17 in the final period after trailing 73-63 through three quarters.

Al Horford led the Hawks with 27 points and nine rebounds. Kyle Korver had 12 points, all on three-pointers.

Josh Smith had 10 points, nine rebounds and nine assists in what could be his final game with the Hawks. Smith has been one of the league's most prominent names in reports leading to Thursday's 3 p.m. trade deadline.

The Heat are 3-0 against the Hawks this season and have won six straight in the series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heat star Dwyane Wade and LeBron James enjoy Wednesday night's win in Atlanta. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Grizzlies handle Rudy's Raptors

Zach Randolph had 17 points and 18 rebounds as the Grizzlies stretched their win streak to five games with an 88-82 win over the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday night.

Mike Conley had 17 points, six rebounds and six assists as the Grizzlies withstood a late rally by Toronto.

Alan Anderson caught fire in the fourth quarter, shooting four of five from three-point range and collecting 15 of his game-high 19 points.

The loss snapped Toronto's five-game win streak. It was the first game between Memphis (35-18) and Toronto (22-33) since their three-team trade on Jan. 31 that put Rudy Gay into a Raptors jersey. Gay finished with 13 points in the loss. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raptors forward Rudy Gay
STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	37	14	.725	—
New York	32	19	.627	5
Indiana	33	21	.611	5 1/2
Brooklyn	33	22	.600	6
Chicago	31	22	.585	7
Atlanta	29	23	.558	8 1/2
Boston	28	25	.528	10
Milwaukee	26	27	.491	12
Philadelphia	22	30	.423	15 1/2
Toronto	**22**	**33**	**.400**	**17**
Detroit	22	34	.393	17 1/2
Cleveland	17	37	.315	21 1/2
Washington	15	37	.288	22 1/2
Orlando	15	39	.278	23 1/2
Charlotte	13	41	.241	25 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	43	12	.782	—
Oklahoma City	39	15	.722	3 1/2
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	4 1/2
Memphis	35	18	.660	7
Denver	34	21	.618	9
Golden State	30	23	.566	12
Utah	31	24	.564	12
Houston	30	26	.536	13 1/2
Portland	25	29	.463	17 1/2
L.A. Lakers	25	29	.463	17 1/2
Dallas	24	29	.453	18
Minnesota	20	31	.392	21
New Orleans	19	36	.345	24
Sacramento	19	36	.345	24
Phoenix	18	36	.333	24 1/2

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Memphis 88 **Toronto 82**
Indiana 125 New York 91
Detroit 105 Charlotte 99
Cleveland 105 New Orleans 100
Minnesota 94 Philadelphia 87
Brooklyn 97 Milwaukee 94
Houston 122 Oklahoma City 119
Miami 103 Atlanta 90
Dallas 111 Orlando 96
Boston at L.A. Lakers
Phoenix at Golden State

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
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Charlotte 105 Orlando 92
Memphis 105 Detroit 91
Brooklyn 113 Milwaukee 111 (OT)
Chicago 96 New Orleans 87
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THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
New Jersey	16	9	3	4	42	38	22
Pittsburgh	17	11	6	0	57	44	22
NY Rangers	15	8	6	1	39	38	17
Philadelphia	18	8	9	1	51	54	17
NY Islanders	16	6	9	1	46	57	13

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	16	11	4	1	46	35	23
Boston	13	9	2	2	37	31	20
Toronto	17	10	7	0	48	40	20
Ottawa	17	9	6	2	40	32	20
Buffalo	17	6	10	1	47	56	13

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	14	8	5	1	41	40	17
Tampa Bay	15	8	6	1	59	47	17
Winnipeg	15	6	8	1	37	47	13
Florida	15	4	7	4	35	56	12
Washington	15	5	9	1	41	51	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	16	13	0	3	55	34	29
Nashville	17	8	4	5	39	38	21
St. Louis	16	9	6	1	53	50	19
Detroit	16	7	6	3	43	48	17
Columbus	16	4	10	2	36	51	10

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	15	8	3	4	44	37	20
Minnesota	15	7	6	2	33	38	16
Edmonton	15	6	6	3	36	41	15
Colorado	14	6	7	1	37	43	13
Calgary	14	5	6	3	39	51	13

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	15	12	2	1	53	39	25
San Jose	15	8	4	3	39	34	19
Phoenix	16	8	6	2	44	41	18
Dallas	16	8	7	1	41	43	17
Los Angeles	14	6	6	2	33	37	14

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 6 Pittsburgh 5
St. Louis at Colorado
Los Angeles at Calgary

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Montreal 3 NY Rangers 1
Winnipeg 2 Buffalo 1
Ottawa 3 NY Islanders 1
Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 2
San Jose 2 St. Louis 1
Nashville 4 Detroit 3 (OT)
Chicago 4 Vancouver 3 (SO)
Los Angeles 3 Edmonton 1

THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
NY Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Vanek, Buf	12	13	25
Crosby, Phg	7	17	24
Stamkos, TBL	10	12	22
Kane, Chi	9	13	22
St. Louis, TBL	4	18	22
Zetterberg, Det	5	16	21
Tavares, NYI	11	9	20
Kunitz, Phg	6	13	19
Elias, NJ	4	15	19
Datsyuk, Det	8	10	18
Ribeiro, Wash	5	13	18
Malkin, Phg	3	15	18
Staal, Car	8	9	17
Moulson, NYI	7	10	17
Duchene, Col	6	11	17
Clarkson, NJ	10	6	16
Marleau, SJ	10	6	16
Lecavalier, TBL	6	10	16
Gagner, Edm	5	11	16
Thornton, SJ	4	12	16
Hall, Edm	3	13	16
Pominville, Buf	7	8	15
Toews, Chi	7	8	15
Hodgson, Buf	7	8	15
Kovalchuk, NJ	5	10	15
Sedin, Van	5	10	15
Steen, StL	4	11	15
Selanne, Ana	4	11	15
Purcell, TBL	4	11	15
Voracek, Phi	3	12	15

Not including last night's games

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Are you the forgiving sort? Probably not, but it will pay you to be a little less judgmental today, especially with people who are not as sharp-witted as you. Not everyone can be an Aries now, can they?

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It would be nice if everyone was as honest and open as you, but they're not. So, take people as you find them and make allowances for those who fail to live up to your standards — that's just about everyone.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It will dawn on you today that some people don't want to be helped. So what's the problem? If others want to wallow in their own despair just let them. It's not really any of your business after all.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Let your imagination lead you in new directions today. As you think now so you will be later on, so give your mind permission to roam and don't worry that you may not accomplish much of a practical nature.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Put other people's needs ahead of your own today, even if you end up out of pocket. A few dollars here or there won't make much difference to you but it could make all the difference in the world to them.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you have not yet reached your goals don't give up hope — and certainly don't blame it on other people. Be honest with yourself about where the blame lies and redouble your efforts over the next few days.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You have everything to look forward to and nothing to fear. No, really! Whatever the reason for your doubts and fears, you must not waver from the tasks you have set. Keep going. You're almost there.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone who fears or resents you will place obstacles in your path today and you would not be human if you did not feel a bit angry about it. But don't let your feelings show because that's what they are hoping.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone you love is finding it hard to make sense of their feelings. You, of course, have no such doubts and may be puzzled by their dilemma. Don't make fun of them though. They think it is deadly serious.

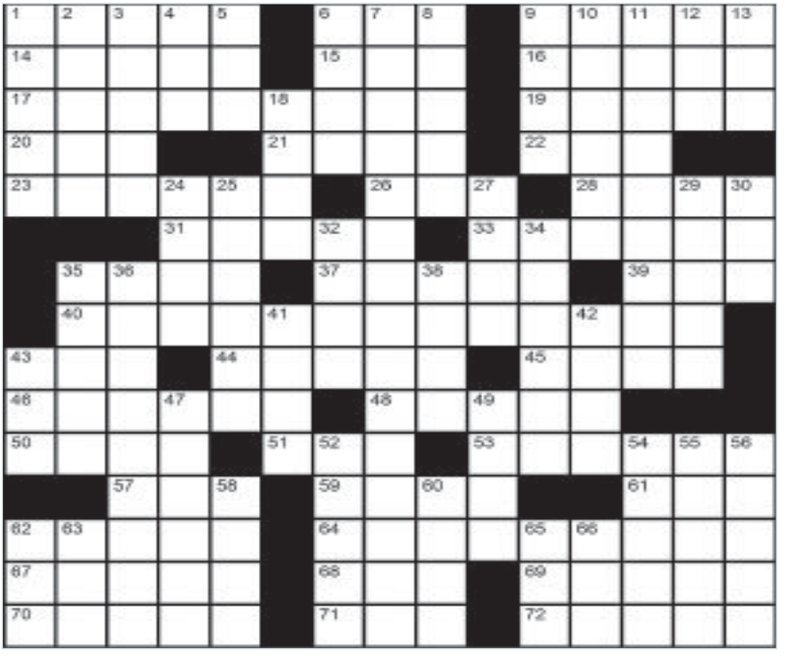
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You need to cut back on your commitments. According to the planets, you have taken on too many responsibilities of late — few of which are doing you good. It's time to be kind to yourself and ease off a bit.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It might be best not to make any major decisions over the next 24 hours as the planets suggest you don't really know what you want. Leave it a couple of days and you are less likely to make a costly mistake.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Neptune in your sign is making even quite simple situations look complicated. Both at home and at work you must think and act as if everything is fine, even if the opposite appears to be true. It's all about attitude. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

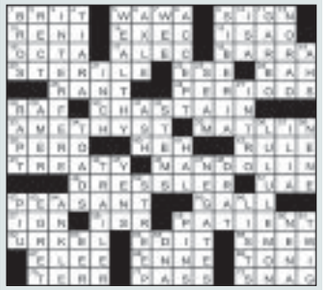
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Church members
6. "Survivor" network
9. Singer/guitarist Colin
14. Outer's opposite
15. Ad __ committee
16. Kind of clover
17. Movie company founded in Vancouver in 1997
19. "Your show's starting!": 2 wds.
20. Go from _ __ B
21. Once __ a time...
22. Geog. coordinate
23. __-14 dating
26. Marked the ballot's little square box
28. 'Prem' suffix (Movie's first showing)
31. Monday: French
33. Reflection giver
35. Kilt wearer
37. Caper
39. Writer Mr. Fleming
40. "Sweet Jane" band helmed by Margo Timmins: 2 wds.
43. Writer Mr. Capote, to pals
44. Map detail
45. "Meet Me __ __. Louis" (1944)
46. Rant
48. More sweet
50. Alphabet sequence
51. TV __
53. Goodies
57. Sequence, for short
59. Petty quarrel
61. Egg mass
62. "The __ a man's heart...": 2 wds.
64. Alberta's provincial bird, Great __ __
67. Oscar-winner Tatum
68. 'Carot' completer
69. "Wake Up Little __" by The Everly Brothers
70. Like a Viking
71. '60s hallucinogenic
72. MTV target audience

Down
1. Light purple flower
2. Rita Moreno's role in "West Side Story" (1961)
3. The Koh-_-__ Diamond
4. Five + Five's total
5. Decade divs.
6. Gent
7. They're used to smooth frown lines: 2 wds.
8. Vista
9. Prison
10. Aquila constellation's brightest star
11. Whodunits
12. __-friendly
13. Li'l Ottawa hockey player
18. Fashion mentor Tim of "Project Runway"
24. Setback
25. Win at the auction
27. Music key, _ __.
29. Jokes-filled celebrity tribute
30. 'North' suffix
32. "__ of Thunder" (1990)
34. More yucky
35. Theatre curtain fabric
36. Montreal Canadiens great, Yvan __
38. Ballerina's garb
41. Singles
42. Concerning, on a memo: 2 wds.
43. Final amt.
47. Really big veins
49. Talk to ya later, e-mail-style
52. Archie Comics character
54. Sprang up
55. Haul a car to the garage: 2 wds.
56. Tennis great Monica
58. Chiquita competitor
60. Wilma's hubby
62. Got the gold
63. 'Volc' ender (Lava spewer)
65. Approx.
66. "__ South"

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

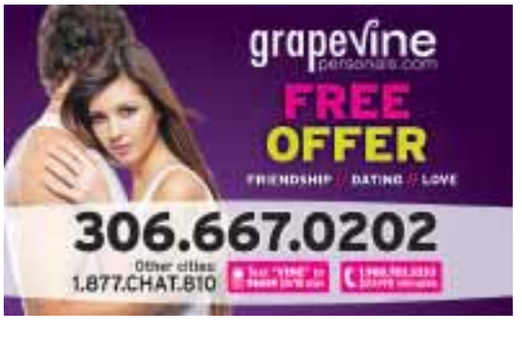
	7		3		4	6	9	
					5			8
2						1		3
	4		7			3	6	
				1				
	8	1			2		5	
5		7						6
6			5					
	3	9	4		1		7	

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	4	9	8	3	2	5	7
2	3	9	6	5	7	4	1	8
5	8	7	4	2	1	9	6	3
7	2	5	3	6	8	1	4	9
3	9	6	1	4	5	7	8	2
4	1	8	2	7	9	6	3	5
9	5	1	7	3	4	8	2	6
8	7	2	5	1	6	3	9	4
6	4	3	8	9	2	5	7	1

Sharability

easy hard



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